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Newsletter December 2008 Annual General Meeting



Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual General Meeting on Monday 1st December. It is gratifying to know that so many are interested in the Company and its organisation.

The election for the new committee was presided over by **Jenny Duggan** and **Russell Bridge** who conducted the proceedings professionally. To both Jenny and Russell a big vote of thanks is extended.

There were many contenders for some of the positions on the committee all of whom could have would have carried out their duties admirably. Unfortunately there are only seven positions. Thank you to all those who ran for positions and showed their interest and support – if only there were that many places on the committee!

The results of the committee elections were as followed:

President	–	Kathy Veale
Vice President	–	Fred Roome
Treasurer	–	Beverly Partridge
Secretary	–	Michael Partridge
Floor Members	–	Ian Abbott Stella Derry Kim Rowley

Wedding Congratulations

Amanda & Scott

And

Caroline & Neil

We wish you a happy and prosperous life
together

A special thankyou must be extended to outgoing floor member **Annette Garvey** for all her effort and work on the committee throughout 2008. Her presence on the committee will be sorely missed.

As a result of the Open Forum held during the AGM some very constructive suggestions were made and voted upon by members. These were discussed at the first Committee Meeting and the results will be published later in this newsletter.

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Christmas Party Time



What a great time everyone had at our recent Christmas get together/talent show. The event was well attended and there was a great array of talent displayed! Everyone was so impressed, especially with the youth.

Thank you to all the organisers and helpers and, in particular to **Kim** and **Matthew Rowley**, **Jenny** and **Joshua Duggan**, **Stella** and **Greg Derry** and, of course, **Santa** for his guest appearance.

We all eagerly look forward to next year's Christmas Celebrations.

Tuggerah Lakes Mardi Gras



This year's Mardi Gras was a big success with our float winning three prizes to the total of \$375. The categories were:

Most Comical Float – Winner
Best Dressed Float – Winner
Most Original Float – Runner up.

The themes of our float were in keeping with the last production, "**The Hunchback of Notre Dame**" and the next show, "**Pirates of Penzance**"

Thank you to all who attended to help dress the float, **Stella Derry** for the costumes, the driver **Brian** and the truck owner **Trevor** who provides the truck every year. A very special thank you must go to **Fred Roome** for his fantastic float design and **Ian Abbott** who assisted him in its building.

It is unfortunate that neither of our entrants in the Princess and Queen competition won. Thank you to **Briahna Duggan** (Princess) and **Stephanie Roome** (Queen) for your stunning effort. You were both beautiful and everyone thinks of you as winners.



Pirates of Penzance

As you are aware our first production for 2009 will be the updated version of **Pirates of Penzance**.

Some of the production crew are as follows:

Director – **Margaret Holdom**
Musical Director – **Greg Derry**
Choreographer – **Joshua Field**
Production Manager and costumes – **Stella Derry**
Stage manager – **Kathy Veale**
Assistant stage manager – **Fred Roome**

Audition and performance details:

Information Night – **Monday 19 January @ Memorial Hall Anzac Avenue Wyong**

Auditions – **Wednesday 28 January 7:30 pm and**

– **Saturday 31 January 1:00 pm**

call **Stella** for appointment time **02 4388 2212**

First rehearsal – **Monday 9 February** (then every Wednesday and Monday)

Performance dates – **19 June to 27 June**

This will be a lively, fun filled show with plenty of scope for all involved so everyone, especially men, are encouraged to come along. Hope to see you there.



Committees

Following on from member's requests at the recent AGM the Company is setting up two sub-committees.

The first of these will be one whose task will be to review the present Rules of the Association and to make recommendations to the Committee concerning any changes that they think may be necessary. This committee will be presided over by **Fred Roome**.

The second will be a Social Sub-Committee established to organise special social events for members such as the recent Christmas party/talent show. The presiding committee member is **Kim Rowley**.

Both sub-committees will be required to report back to the Committee on a regular basis.

If you would like to nominate yourself to be part of either, or both, committees please contact the Committee convenor. Some members have already expressed an interest in being on these sub-committees at the AGM when their formation was initiated. The Committee will, after receiving all applications, decide upon the composition of each sub-committee.

Members Input

It has been proposed, in order to allow members to have more of an input into what is discussed at committee meetings, that members be invited to approach a Committee member if they wish to add an item to the agenda of the next Committee meeting. The committee member may request you to give them your request in writing.

If you would like to raise an idea, concern or issue to be discussed by the Committee please contact any Committee member at least 7 days prior to the next Committee meeting to have it placed upon the forthcoming agenda. The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th January.

The Committee welcomes and looks forward to your input.



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Carols at The Entrance



Members of WMTC have, for the past few years, been invited to sing at Carols at the Entrance with the Tuggarah Lakes Band. Unfortunately, due to a change in policy by Wyong Council, we were not required to be part of the choir this year. It seems that the Council only wanted school children. I know that this will be a disappointment for some members who have enjoyed this opportunity to perform. Oh, well, maybe next year.